

CRAVEN HALL
SE corner of Street Road
& Newtown Road
Warminster
Bucks County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Bucks	TOWN OR VICINITY Warminster Johnsville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) CRAVEN HALL		HABS NO. PA-5600
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) southeast corner of Street Road & Newtown Road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1780-1820 & 1823-1850 (PA. Inven. Nomin.)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL; INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A good example of a rural attempt at high style (Phila. influenced) architecture, with Greek Revival detailing. This high style influence along with its sensitivity to proportion make it unique to the county and perhaps rural SE Pennsylvania.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival influenced vernacular		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) stuccoed stone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two-and-a-half-story, five bay by one bay, one pile (parlors flanking the central hall and stairway) main block, with a two-and-a-half-story rear ell adding 3 bays to that side.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Hipped roof and rear ell with entry- gives the illusion of a larger, two-fronted house. Entry with sidelights, portico; 1/4-round windows in gable ends flanking chimney.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Greek Revival detail including mantels, window and doorway surrounds, built-in cupboard in parlor, splayed paneled window reveals, interior shutters over sidelights, cook fireplace in kitchen		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES single story, 20th century additions to rear, with porch, and fire-escape		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE good condition, vacant		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Associated with the Craven, VanSant, Longstreth, Hart & Bennet families, prominent to the area, founders of Johnsonville (John Craven) and Hartsville, participants in the American Revolution and aided William Tennant in est. religious & educational institutions locally.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING IN NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Inventory of Historic Places form, prepared by Kathryn Auerbach (BCC), March 1978.		
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